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I, Francis O. Scarpulla, declare as follows:

- I am an attorney duly licensed by the State of California and am admitted to practice before this Court. I am a partner of the law firm of Zelle Hofmann Voelbel Mason & Gette, LLP ("Zelle Hofmann"), and my firm, along with others, serves as attorneys of record for Indirect-Purchaser Plaintiffs, Michael Juetten and Chad Klebs. The matters set forth herein are within my personal knowledge except as to those facts which I state upon information and belief, as to which I believe them to be true. If called upon and sworn as a witness I could competently testify regarding them. I make this declaration pursuant to Title 28 United States Code, Section 1746.
- 2. On November 13, 2007, Lovell Stewart Halebian, LLP ("Lovell Stewart") filed the first case in the country, entitled Kindt v. Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., et al., No. 07-cv-10322 (S.D. N.Y.), alleging a price-fixing conspiracy against the defendants on behalf of indirect purchasers. Zelle Hofmann filed Juetten, et al. v. Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., et al., No. 07-cv-06225 (N.D. Cal.) on December 10, 2007. Attached hereto as Exhibits A and B are true and correct copies of the complaints.
- 3. Zelle Hofmann was recently appointed by Judge Wilken as sole Lead Counsel on behalf of the Indirect-Purchaser Plaintiffs in *In re Static Random Access Memory (SRAM)* Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 07-1819 (N.D. Cal.) ("SRAM"), by Judge Illston as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the Indirect-Purchaser Plaintiffs in *In re TFT-LCD* (*Flat Panel*) Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 07-1827 (N.D. Cal.) ("LCDs"), and by Judge Armstrong as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of the Indirect-Purchaser Plaintiffs in In re Flash Memory Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1852 (N.D. Cal.) ("Flash Memory").
- 4. Zelle Hofmann has also successfully litigated multiple actions against Microsoft Corporation; and has been appointed to other leadership positions in antitrust class actions arising out of non-technological markets, including serving as Co-Lead Counsel in both In re Western States Wholesale Natural Gas Antitrust Litig., No. 2:03-cv-01431-PMP-

PAL (D. Nev.), and Issuer Public Offering Fee Antitrust Litig., Nos. 98-CIV 7890 (LMM)

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5. Zelle Hofmann is routinely retained by major companies to represent them individually as opt-outs in class antitrust lawsuits, e.g., Kellogg Company, Caterpillar, Carlisle, Sara Lee and Smithfield Foods. The firm was recently retained to defend Conoco-Phillips and a major Chinese manufacturer of Vitamin C in currently pending complex

6. Lovell Stewart has served as the court-appointed Lead Counsel or Co-Lead

Counsel for plaintiffs in the following class action cases: In re Microsoft Corp. Antitrust

Litig., MDL No. 1332 (D.Md.), In re Rambus Antitrust Litig., No. C 06-4852-RMW (N.D.

Cal.), In re Digital Music Antitrust Litig., 06 Civ. 1780 (LAP) (S.D.N.Y.), In re NASDAQ

Market-Makers Antitrust Litig., 187 F.R.D. 465, 471 (S.D.N.Y. 1998), In re Sumitomo

Smith Inc., 94 Civ. 2348 (JAG) (D.N.J.), In re Soybeans Futures Litig., 89 Civ. 7009 (CRN)

(N.D. Ill.), Dennison v. BP Products North America, Inc., No. 06 C 3541 (N.D.Ill.), and In re

Both firms participate, as noted, in the following multidistrict litigation

Auction Houses Antitrust Litig., No. 00 Civ. 0648 (LAK) (S.D.N.Y.).

matters: *In re Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM) Antitrust Litig.*, MDL 1486 PJH (N.D. Cal.) (Zelle Hofmann is a member of the Executive Committee for the Indirect-

Purchasers Plaintiffs; Lovell Stewart is a member of the Executive Committee for the Direct-

Purchasers Plaintiffs), LCDs (Lovell Stewart is a member of the Indirect-Purchasers

Plaintiffs' Working Group), Flash Memory (Lovell Stewart is a member of the Executive

Committee for the Indirect-Purchasers Plaintiffs), In re Graphics Processing Units Antitrust

Litig., MDL 1826 WHA (N.D. Cal.) (Zelle Hofmann and Lovell Stewart are contributing

counsel on behalf of the Indirect-Purchasers Plaintiffs), In re Intel Corp. Microprocessor

Antitrust Litig., MDL No. 1717 (D. Del.) (Zelle Hofmann is Chair of the Committee for

Third Party Discovery and the Experts).

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- 8. Upon information and belief, certain Defendants are also being investigated by government agencies from Japan, South Korea, the European Union and the United States on a coordinated basis on suspicion that they formed an international cartel to fix prices for CRTs and CRT Products.
- 9. Upon information and belief, some of the Defendants in this action are also being investigated by the Antitrust Division of the United States Department of Justice for engaging in anti-competitive activities in the markets for SRAM, Flash Memory, and TFT-LCD products. Certain of the Defendants were indicted for conspiring to fix DRAM prices.
- 10. Prior to the announcement that the DOJ was investigating the CRT market, Lovell Stewart and Zelle Hofmann had been independently investigating the CRT market (among others) and its competitive participants and comparing and contrasting various aspects of the CRT market, including pricing, with other technology markets. As a result, Lovell Stewart was able to file the first complaint in the nation; and Zelle Hofmann filed the second indirect-purchaser action shortly thereafter.
- 11. This litigation involves a large amount of commerce sold by the Defendants, who have headquarters in China, India, Japan, Netherlands, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States; and who have retained highly-qualified law firms to defend them in this action.
- 12. There are 33 cases filed that have been consolidated, or are anticipated to be consolidated, before this Court, at least 13 of which are Indirect-Purchaser actions.
 - 13. At present, 38 Defendants have been named.
- 14. The Indirect-Purchaser cases filed thus far assert state antitrust or consumer protection claims under 31 states' laws: Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, the District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.